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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Thomas A. Osborne et al.

Appln. No.: 10/642,513

Filed: August 15, 2003

For: Stent and Method of Forming a Stent
with Integral Barbs

Attorney Docket No: 12730-11

Examiner: William H. Matthews

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☒ Previously submitted:

☒ Applicants requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

☐ Other: _____

☒ Attached is:

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

☐ Other: _____

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

- ☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicants calculate the following fee to be due in connection with this Request:

- ☒ A Request fee of \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- ☐ A suspension processing fee of \$ _____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- ☐ An additional filing fee of \$ _____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
- ☐ An extension fee of \$ _____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ _____. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$ _____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

January 10, 2007
Date


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